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March is Reading Month

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Senator Hammerstrom Joins with Colleagues to Kick-off Reading Month

LANSING- Senator Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) celebrated the beginning of March is Reading Month with other members of the Senate Republican Caucus today. March is known as Reading Month due in part to the birth of Dr. Seuss, the author of many children's books including <u>Green Eggs and Ham; Cat in the Hat;</u> and <u>Horton Hears a Who</u>. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the Republican Senators treated their guests to a breakfast of green-eggs and ham.

Libraries and schools throughout the state will welcome legislators and other guests this month who will read to children and discuss with them the importance of reading and how it leads to future success in life. "This is one of my favorite parts of the job," said Hammerstrom. "I am always thrilled to meet with some of my younger constituents."

Senator Hammerstrom has participated with the event since first serving in the House, and will read again this year to schools throughout the 17th district, which includes all of Monroe County, as well as portions of Washtenaw and Jackson Counties.

"I like to use this opportunity to stress the importance of reading to and with our children", Hammerstrom said. "I believe that reading is the foundation of learning. We should all take part in promoting the joy of reading, even by doing something as simple as sitting down with our grandchildren or taking time to volunteer as a reading mentor at a local school."